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- Four workers were injured following a February 18 explosion at an ExxonMobil oil refinery in Torrance, California, prompting a smoke and ash advisory for the surrounding area. – *Orange County Register* (See item [1](#))
- The Missouri State Highway Patrol responded to 178 stranded motorists and 78 crashes along Interstate 55 February 16-17 following a winter storm that dumped several inches of snow. – *KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* (See item [7](#))
- UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center in California reported February 18 that 179 patients may have been exposed to a drug-resistant superbug after at least 2 patients died and 5 others were infected. – *KCBS 2 Los Angeles* (See item [14](#))
- The owner of Miami-based Longcare Home Health Corporation pleaded guilty February 17 in connection to a \$13 million Medicare fraud scam that involved bribes and paying kickbacks in exchange for patient referrals and fake prescriptions. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [15](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *February 18, Orange County Register* – (California) **Four injured in explosion at Torrance ExxonMobil refinery; air quality alert issued.** Four workers were injured following a February 18 explosion at an ExxonMobil oil refinery in Torrance, California, prompting a smoke and ash advisory for the surrounding area. Employees were sent home after the facility was heavily damaged and authorities reported that the blast occurred in a recently installed processing facility.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/refinery-651559-explosion-torrance.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

2. *February 19, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Virginia) **Penalty upheld for hazardous waste violations at Roanoke, Va., chemical distributor.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported February 18 that its Environmental Appeals Board issued a final order January 26 upholding more than \$612,000 in penalties issued against Chem-Solv, Inc., and Austin Holdings-VA, L.L.C., for hazardous waste violations at a chemical blending and distribution facility in Roanoke facility that were cited in an enforcement action in 2014.  
Source:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/21b8983ffa5d0e4685257dd4006b85e2/da1ad932c2b9244385257df1004332d6>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

3. *February 18, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Mpls. firefighters battle cold at steel plant fire.** Investigators announced that a spark from a cutting tool being used too close to combustible aluminum shavings was the cause of a 3-alarm fire February 18 at Alliance Steel in Minneapolis, and frigid temperatures coupled with the location of the fire made it difficult for firefighters to contain the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/02/18/mps-firefighters-battle-cold-at-steel-plant-fire/23603833/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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Nothing to report

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4. *February 18, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Valley School bus collides with van, 6 injured.** A stretch of Route 31 in Somerset County was closed for about 3 hours February 16 following an accident that involved a van and a school bus carrying 13 students to Valley School of Ligonier which sent 1 driver and 5 students to local hospitals. Icy road conditions are believed to be the cause of the accident that remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourligonier/7793924-74/students-van-bus>
5. *February 18, Associated Press; Washington Times* – (Maryland; Washington D.C.) **Significant delays on MARC commuter trains amid cold.** The Maryland Transit Administration reported that rail service on the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train system's Fredrick, Camden, Brunswick, and Penn lines experienced cancellations or delays February 18 due to frozen switches.  
Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/feb/18/significant-delays-on-marc-commuter-trains-amid-co/>
6. *February 18, KRGV 5 Weslaco* – (Texas) **McAllen nurse helps airline passenger with medical emergency.** An American Airlines flight en route from Dallas to the Rio Grande Valley made an emergency landing in Austin February 17 due to a medical emergency involving a passenger who required transportation to a hospital. The plane was evacuated and a HAZMAT crew was dispatched to clean the aircraft.  
Source: <http://www.krgv.com/news/local-news/McAllen-Nurse-Helps-Airline-Passenger-with-Medical-Emergency/31347904>
7. *February 17, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Several wrecks stop traffic on I-55 throughout Tuesday.** The Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop E responded to 178 stranded motorists and 78 crashes along Interstate 55 February 16-17 following a winter storm that dumped several inches of snow. All lanes of the interstate reopened following a series of crashes that closed traffic in one or both directions.  
Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/28127825/i-55-at-108-mm-shut-down-after-crash>
8. *February 17, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Today's traffic: Slick roads in Charlotte; wrecks close lanes on I-77, I-85.** Icy road conditions caused several

accidents along Interstate 77 in North Carolina February 17, including 1 crash that closed 3 northbound lanes in Charlotte. Two lanes of northbound Interstate 85 in Charlotte were closed for more than 2 hours due to an unrelated incident involving a jack-knifed semi-truck that took out a large portion of the guard rail.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2015/02/17/5520404/todays-traffic-congestion-slick.html>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

9. *February 19, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Apple King fined \$65,700 for failing to report chemical storage on time.** The U.S. Environmental Protection agency cited the Apple King fruit company for storing anhydrous ammonia used as a refrigerant at its cold storage facility in Gleeed without filing a hazardous chemical inventory report in a timely fashion since 2011 and proposed penalties totaling \$65,700.

Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/yhr/thursday/2926198-8/apple-king-fined-65700-for-failing-to-report>

10. *February 19, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Fire burns at potato chip warehouse in Goodyear.** The Poore Brothers potato chip warehouse in Goodyear, Arizona, was evacuated February 18 while firefighters battled a fire burning over a deep fat fryer used to cook chips. A portion of the warehouse will remain closed indefinitely due to damage caused by the blaze that was difficult to contain because it was in the attic of the structure and could not be accessed by the business's sprinkler system.

Source: <http://www.fox10phoenix.com/story/28146458/2015/02/19/fire-burns-at-potato-chip-warehouse-in-goodyear>

11. *February 18, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (Texas) **Salmonella at X10 Woodfire Steakhouse sickens 30 in Dalhart Texas.** The Texas Department of State Health Services reported a Salmonella outbreak at X10 Woodfire Steakhouse in Dalhart that sickened at least 30 patrons. The restaurant was cleared to reopen after it voluntarily closed during the week of February 9 to undergo a deep-clean, while the source of the contamination and the outbreak remain under investigation.

Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2015/salmonella-at-x10-woodfire-steakhouse-sickens-30-in-dalhart-texas/>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

12. *February 18, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Water service restored after Hollywood Hills water main break.** A water main that burst in the Hollywood Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles February 18 spilled at least 100,000 gallons of water that submerged 4 cars parked in an underground lot, flooded nearby streets, and damaged an apartment building. Water service was restored more than 12 hours later and crews

were expected to repair the damaged roadway February 19.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-water-main-break-floods-hollywood-hills-neighborhood-submerges-vehicles-20150218-story.html>

13. *February 17, WHO 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Wastewater leak flowing into Des Moines River.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported that a leak of untreated wastewater was discovered February 17 overflowing from a manhole at an estimated 20 gallons per minute into a creek that leads to the Des Moines River. The DNR stated that Des Moines Public Works crews were working to clear the plugged sewer line, and that tests were being completed to determine what effect the leak might have on the river.

Source: <http://whotv.com/2015/02/17/wastewater-leak-flowing-into-des-moines-river/>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

14. *February 18, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **2 of 7 patients infected die after being exposed to superbug bacteria at UCLA Medical Center.** UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center in California reported February 18 that 179 patients may have been exposed to the carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae after at least 2 patients died and 5 others were infected following exposure to the drug-resistant superbug bacteria between October 2014 and January. Hospital officials stated that the potential exposure occurred during complex endoscopic procedures and that the two infected scopes were removed while the hospital undergoes deep decontamination.

Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2015/02/18/2-patients-die-7-infected-after-being-exposed-to-deadly-superbug-bacteria-at-ucla-medical-center/>

15. *February 17, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Florida) **Owner of Miami home health company pleads guilty for lead role in \$13 million Medicare fraud scheme.** The owner and operator of Miami-based Longcare Home Health Corporation (Longcare Home Health) pleaded guilty February 17 in connection to a \$13 million Medicare fraud scam that involved bribes and paying kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries, medical clinics, doctors' offices, and others in exchange for patient referrals and fake prescriptions to support defrauding Medicare billings.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/owner-miami-home-health-company-pleads-guilty-lead-role-13-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

16. *February 19, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **Gas partially restored after evacuation of 9 buildings at Pace Univ.** At least 4 buildings at Pace University in New York remained without gas service after service was restored to 2 buildings

- February 19, following an evacuation of students from 9 dorms on the Pleasantville campus due to a leak February 18 that shut off gas to the campus. Students were temporarily relocated while crews worked to repair the leak.  
Source: <http://7online.com/education/gas-shutdown-at-pace-univ-causes-evacuation-of-9-buildings/524335/>
17. *February 19, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Cold-related power outage forces 500 UB students from dorm.** Cold weather is believed to be the cause of a sprinkler break February 18 that cut power and heat, and prompted the evacuation and temporary displacement of 500 University of Buffalo students from Red Jacket Hall in New York. Students were allowed to return to the hall February 19 after water service was restored.  
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/amherst/cold-related-power-outage-forces-500-ub-students-from-dorm-20150218>
  18. *February 18, Peninsula Daily News* – (Washington) **Young girl's measles infection started with visit to Port Angeles clinic, state spokesman says.** Olympic Christian School officials announced that students thought to have no immunity to measles were quarantined through February 27 after a student caught the virus at Peninsula Children's Clinic in Port Angeles from a man who was also present at the clinic. The affected student may have exposed classmates to the virus February 6, Clallam County health officials reported.  
Source: <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20150218/NEWS/302189963>
  19. *February 18, Times of Trenton* – (New Jersey) **Mercer Civil Courthouse closed after burst pipe causes water damage.** The Mercer County Civil Courthouse in Trenton remained closed February 19 after a pipe burst February 16 and caused extensive water damage to the building. Crews worked to clean up the debris and damage prior to reopening the courthouse.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/mercercivil/index.ssf/2015/02/mercercivil\\_courthouse\\_closed\\_after\\_pipe\\_burst\\_ca.html](http://www.nj.com/mercercivil/index.ssf/2015/02/mercercivil_courthouse_closed_after_pipe_burst_ca.html)
  20. *February 18, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **UMaine probing data breach affecting more than 900.** The University of Maine reported February 18 that a data breach may have exposed the personal information of 941 students enrolled in physics courses dating back to 1999 after a laptop and media card used by a faculty member went missing from a checked bag during a flight February 10. Social Security numbers for 604 of those students were also stored on the laptop.  
Source: <https://bangordailynews.com/2015/02/18/news/state/umaine-probing-data-breach-affecting-more-than-900/>
  21. *February 18, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Letter with 'unknown substance' opened at Sevier courthouse.** Authorities are investigating after 6 employees from the 4th Judicial District attorney general's office in Sevierville were sent to an area hospital as a precaution when a staffer opened a letter containing an

unknown substance February 18.

Source: [http://www.knoxnews.com/news/watchful-eye/letter-with-unknown-substance-opened-at-sevier-courthouse\\_88590127](http://www.knoxnews.com/news/watchful-eye/letter-with-unknown-substance-opened-at-sevier-courthouse_88590127)

22. *February 18, WDTV 5 Weston* – (West Virginia) **Bomb threat closes University High School Wednesday.** University High School in West Virginia was closed February 18 after the school received an emailed bomb threat. Police conducted a search of the campus and are continuing to investigate the threat.

Source: <http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view&section=5-News&item=Bomb-Threat-Closes-University-High-School-Wednesday-21285>

23. *February 17, New England Cable News* – (Massachusetts; New Hampshire) **71 building collapses reported in Massachusetts since last week.** The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reported February 17 that 71 buildings have collapsed since February 9 due to heavy snow and cold temperatures in New England. Two school districts in New Hampshire were closed due to roof concerns while businesses also suffered roof collapses.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/Fire-Crews-Responding-to-Roof-Collapse-292181881.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

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## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *February 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Over 250,000 home routers found with duplicate SSH keys.** A Shodan researcher discovered that mis-configuration of devices likely led over 250,000 home routers from Spain, 200,000 routers from mostly China and Taiwan, and 150,000 routers from the U.S. and Japan to share the same Secure Shell (SSH) keys, which could allow an attacker to gain access to any device with a single key. Researchers recommended disabling SSH connectivity in the router.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Over-250-000-Home-Routers-Found-with-Duplicate-SSH-Keys-473651.shtml>

25. *February 19, Reuters* – (International) **Lenovo to stop pre-installing controversial software.** Errata Security researchers determined that Superfish adware pre-installed on Lenovo computers hijacks and throws open encrypted connections, allowing hackers to seize connections and listen in through man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks. Lenovo disabled all Superfish software from its consumer computers and stopped pre-installing



the software on its devices, but experts warned that systems could still be vulnerable even after uninstalling the software.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/19/us-lenovo-cybersecurity-idUSKBN0LN0XI20150219>

26. *February 19, Softpedia* – (International) **DoubleFantasy is Equation group's first attack wave.** Kaspersky analysts discovered that hackers from the cyber-espionage group Equation developed the DoubleFantasy trojan, a tool used to verify the infected system as a target and a vehicle for installing more sophisticated attack tools that could steal usernames and passwords for Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Mozilla's Firefox Web browsers, Windows protected storage on versions up to Windows XP, and operating system authentication subsystems on Windows Vista and above. Multiple versions of the tool were discovered, and some were deployed to targets via a post-meeting compact disk from a 2009 scientific conference in Houston.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DoubleFantasy-Is-Equation-Group-s-First-Attack-Wave-473669.shtml>

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *February 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **More than 100 buildings damaged or collapsed in 2 weeks.** Businesses at the Sutton Square Plaza shopping center in Massachusetts were evacuated February 18 and closed indefinitely pending a structural assessment that was initiated after a partial roof collapse under the weight of heavy snow. A day care center in Tewksbury also suffered a partial roof collapse February 18 which prompted the evacuation of 28 children.

Source: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/02/19/more-than-buildings-damaged-collapsed-weeks-mema-reports/CewoDyNIIHX14tfUOXhAHO/story.html>

28. *February 19, Ithaca Journal* – (New York) **Cayuga Mall reopens following collapse.** The Cayuga Mall in Ithaca was evacuated and closed February 18 while authorities performed an inspection of the shopping center following a structural wall collapse caused by accumulating snow. Stores reopened February 19 after snow was removed



from the roof of the building and repairs to the structure were completed.

Source: <http://www.ithacajournal.com/story/news/public-safety/2015/02/18/lansing-building-collapse-lansing/23606077/>

29. *February 19, York Dispatch* – (Pennsylvania) **4 transported to hospital after hazmat incident at Shrewsbury Walmart.** Twelve employees, including 4 that were hospitalized, were exposed to chemical fumes at a Walmart in Shrewsbury February 18 when a container holding a cleaning solution overturned in a semi-truck that was being unloaded at the store. The store was evacuated and closed for nearly 2 hours while crews contained the release and ventilated the building.  
Source: [http://www.yorkdispatch.com/breaking/ci\\_27550694/emergency-crews-responding-shrewsbury-wal-mart](http://www.yorkdispatch.com/breaking/ci_27550694/emergency-crews-responding-shrewsbury-wal-mart)
30. *February 19, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Explosion at east Tulsa apartments thought to be accidental, investigation continues.** About 40 residents were displaced from the Bristol Park Apartments in Tulsa February 18 following an explosion and fire that affected 16 units at the complex. Inspectors are assessing the building's structural integrity and authorities are investigating the source of the blast.  
Source: <http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/east-tulsa-apartment-explodes-and-burns-forcing-several-people-into-the-cold>
31. *February 19, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Four-alarm fire rages through apartment building in Colerain Township.** At least 30 residents were displaced following a 4-alarm fire at the Ashley Woods Apartments complex in Colerain Township February 18 which destroyed 4 units in the building. The fire remains under investigation and is believed to have started in a kitchen on the top floor.  
Source: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/hamilton-county/colerain-township/three-alarm-fire-raging-at-apartment-complex-in-coerain-township>
32. *February 18, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Two-alarm apartment fire displaces residents in SW Houston.** A 2-alarm fire that ripped through a Houston apartment complex February 18 destroyed 4 units and damaged 24 additional units, leaving dozens of residents displaced. The fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://abc13.com/news/firefighters-battling-two-alarm-apartment-fire/523063/>
33. *February 18, WVTM 13 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Sumiton Walmart evacuated due to possible gas leak in bakery.** About 200 employees and customers were evacuated from a Walmart in Sumiton February 18 while authorities investigated a possible gas leak in the bakery area of the store. Utility crews performed air quality tests inside the building and worked to determine the source of the leak.  
Source: <http://www.alabamas13.com/news/sumiton-walmart-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak/31339330>
34. *February 17, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Four Northbrook residents charged with running theft ring.** Police arrested and charged 4 Northbrook residents February 14 for allegedly running a theft ring that possibly netted more than \$100,000 in

merchandise from businesses in the Chicago area. The suspects are accused of using diversionary tactics to distract security guards while shoplifting, then selling the stolen goods through an online auction site.

Source: <http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/375455/four-northbrook-residents-charged-running-theft-ring>

35. *February 16, La Crosse Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Baymont Inn closed after Sunday morning fire.** A fire that started in the laundry room of the Baymont Inn hotel in Onalaska, Wisconsin, February 15 prompted the relocation of about 60 displaced guests. Officials reported that the hotel suffered smoke damage and that it will remain closed until the weekend of February 21.

Source: [http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/baymont-inn-closed-after-sunday-morning-fire/article\\_81527c6f-5056-5802-8a4f-11cb0c5579ac.html](http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/baymont-inn-closed-after-sunday-morning-fire/article_81527c6f-5056-5802-8a4f-11cb0c5579ac.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

36. *February 16, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Winter storm KOs dam removal in Smyth County.** The planned removal of the Marion Ice Plant Dam on the Middle Fork of the Holston River in Marion, Virginia, that was scheduled for February 16-17 was postponed to a later date February 15 due to a winter storm. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported that the dam was ordered to be torn down because it hampers the movement of fish in the river.

Source: <http://www.wdbj7.com/news/local/southern-virginia/winter-storm-kos-dam-removal-in-smyth-county/31293466>

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